

**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 22, 2022**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

**Opening Anthem
Sing Praise!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 67

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us

All: and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: for you judge the people with equity

One: and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

OPENING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River, #701

Words & Music Robert Lowry (1864)
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*Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?*

[Refrain:]

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. [Refrain]*

*Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]*

UNISON PRAYER

God of Peace, we come to you seeking a new way of acting and being in peace. Lord, teach my heart how to be open, willingly, and in peace with those different from me. Lord, Jesus, show my mind the images of what your peace might look like in the darkness of this world. As we go into this world, God place Your Spirit upon us, supplying the strength we need to shine Your light into this new day. Amen!

Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever, Amen.

GLORI PATRI

Glory Be to the Father, #35

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

BAPTISM Pastor Dave, Deacon: Judy LaVergne

HYMN

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed, #378

Words Jane Parker Huber (1980)

Music harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1943, alt.)

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*Wonder of wonders, here revealed;
God's covenant with us is sealed.
And long before we know or pray,
God's love enfolds us every day.*

*This child of God, though young or old,
We welcome now into Christ's fold,
To know with us God's loving care;
Here all our joys and sorrows share.*

*Here in this sacrament we see
God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise
In loving service all our days.*

*Our vows of faith we now renew,
Stretch wide our sights to global view,
And claim with Christians far and near
A larger family held dear.*

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Lesson: Acts 16:9–15

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23–29

SERMON

HYMN

O Breath of Life, #250

Words Bessie Porter Head (1920)

Music Clement C. Scholefield (1874)

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*O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.*

*O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.*

*O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.*

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure. If you have not made your offering, please feel free to take your offering up at this time!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words & Music Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman arr. Heather Sorensen
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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, #46

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551
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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, #306

WORDS: Psalm 143:1
MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897
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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten, #104

Words Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (4th century); trans 1,3 John Mason Neale (1854); trans 1,3
Henry W. Baker; trans. 2 R. F. Davis (1906, alt.)
Music DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1940)
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*Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
Christ is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he!
Of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!*

*O ye heights of heaven, sing praises;
angels and archangels sing!
And on earth let all the faithful
now your joyous anthems ring,
ev'ry tongue Christ's name confessing,
countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee with God Creator,
and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!*

BENEDICTION

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O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, #432

Words: James L. Merrell (1991)

Music: Alexander R. Reinagle (1836)

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*O Christ, the Way, the Truth the Life,
be with us now, we pray;
direct our steps as we go forth
to do your will this day.*

*O faithful Guide, renew our trust
in love that does not fail;
and give us strength to work and pray,
that peace may soon prevail.*

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE